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SUBJ: TOLBERT VISIT TO NIGERIA

1. ACCORDING TO AUGUST 31 NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT, PRESIDENT TOLBERT WILL LEAVE MONROVIA SEPTEMBER 2 AT 8:00AM FOR SHORT TRIP TO LAGOS AT PERSONAL INVITATION OF OBASANJO

2. RANKING MEMBERS OF TOLBERT PARTY WILL INCLUDE FOREIGN MINISTER C. CECIL DENNIS, MINISTRY OF PLANNING DAVID FRANKLIN NEAL AND MINISTER  
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OF STATE WITHOUT PORTFOLIO CHARLES CLARKE.

3. TOLBERT VISIT TO NIGERIA HAS APPARENTLY BEEN IN PLANNING FOR PAST MONTH. FONMIN DENNIS TRAVELED TO LAGOS WEEK OF JULY 26 TO DELIVER "SPECIAL MESSAGE" TO TOLBERT. ON AUGUST 7, FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THAT TOLBERT WOULD ACCEPT OBASANJO INVITATION BROUGHT BY GARBA TO VISIT NIGERIA AT UNSPECIFIED DATE. ON AUGUST 20, PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY GREAVES ANNOUNCED THAT A TOLBERT TRIP TO NIGERIA HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 19, BUT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO SUDDEN DEATH OF MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT GOODRIDGE.

4. EMBASSY REMAINS UNSURE OF TOPICS OF FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN TOLBERT AND OBASANJO. THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT TOLBERT MAY LOBBY FOR CHOICE OF MONROVIA FOR ECOWAS HEADQUARTERS. TOLBERT IS LIKELY TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF GENERAL AFRICAN CONCERN, POSSIBLY INCLUDING UGANDA-KENYA CONFLICT, DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, INTERNAL OAU MATTERS, AND TENSIONS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH GREW OUT OF OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS TAKEN ON ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR.

5. FOR LAGOS: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INSIGHTS ON SUBSTANCE OF TOLBERT-OBASANJO TALKS. HORAN

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